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In re Application of  
Carl R. Strathmeyer et al  
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**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.173(b), filed May 2, 2005 and supplemented on May 10, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed June 23, 2004, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. A reply under 37 CFR 1.113 is limited to an amendment that *prima facie* places the application in condition for allowance or a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(b)). The amendment submitted on November 29, 2004, did not *prima facie* place the application in condition for allowance as noted in the Advisory Action mailed February 7, 2005. Therefore, as no Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee), Request for Continued Examination (RCE) or a continuing application was timely filed, extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on November 24, 2004.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE); (2) the petition fee; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the final Office action of June 23, 2004 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Wan Laymon at (571) 272-3220.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 2667 for processing of the RCE and for consideration of the Amendment filed May 2, 2005.

  
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